

Senate Resolution 491

By: Senators Jones of the 10th and Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Eddie L. Long; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Bishop Eddie L. Long answered his first call to the service of the Lord at New
3 Birth Missionary Baptist Church of Lithonia, Georgia, in 1987; and

4 WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, Bishop Long earned a bachelor's degree in business
5 administration from North Carolina Central University, a Master of Divinity degree from
6 Atlanta's Interdenominational Theological Society, and a doctorate in pastoral ministry from
7 the International College of Excellence in Tampa, Florida; and

8 WHEREAS, under his leadership and guidance, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church has
9 expanded to new heights, allowing it to spread the Word of God to more people with
10 construction of a 3,700 seat sanctuary, a 10,000 seat complex, and the Family Life Center;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, a man of leadership and compassion, Bishop Long actively serves his
13 community through his work with the Morehouse School of Religion Board of Directors, the
14 Board of Visitors for Emory University, the North Carolina Central University Board of
15 Trustees, the Young Life Board of Trustees, the Fort Valley State University Board of
16 Trustees, the Safehouse Outreach Ministries Board of Directors, and 100 Black Men of
17 America; and

18 WHEREAS, named one of America's 125 most influential leaders, Bishop Long has also
19 been honored for his changes to the world of ministry with such awards as the 2003
20 Leadership Award, the Faith/Community Award from 100 Black Men of America, the 2003
21 Religious Contemporary Award from IRC, and the Champion Award for Spiritual
22 Enlightenment from All Children Are Special, Inc.; and

23 WHEREAS, some of Bishop Long's other numerous honors include the Mentor of the Year
24 Award from Omega Psi Phi fraternity and an Emmy award for *The Face of Homelessness*,
25 and he has been recognized by the Centers for Disease Control for his tireless efforts fighting
26 HIV/AIDS; and

27 WHEREAS, this noted author is united in love and marriage to his wife, Vanessa, and the
28 couple has been blessed with four remarkable children, Eric, Edward, Jared, and Taylor; and

29 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Bishop Long is a source of
30 strength, inspiration, and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic
31 strata, and he serves as an inspiration to countless Georgians and Americans each day with
32 his acts of kindness and compassion.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Bishop Eddie L. Long for his unparalleled record of community service and his
35 innumerable good works rendered on behalf of persons in need and extend to him their most
36 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Eddie L. Long.